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The North Korean Army II Corps

1. In February 1953 the North Korean Army II Corps was commanded by Major General CH'OE Hon (1508/2009), aged 55, former commander of the North Korean army 3 Brigade before the Korean war. Brigadier General CH'OE Kun, aged 40 and trained in the Soviet Union, was vice commander of the II Corps. The chief of staff was Brigadier General MUN Ch'ol, aged 28; the chief of the Tactical Staff was Colonel YI Myong-ho, aged 29; the chief of the Rank and File Staff was KIM Kwang-song, aged 25; and the chief of the Recording Section was PAK Ham-yol. Brigadier General YI Ch'ol, aged 29, was commanding officer of the 2 Division; Brigadier General CHO Kwan, aged 30, commanded the 27 Division; and Brigadier General CHONG Pyong-kap, aged 30 and trained in the Soviet Union, commanded the 13 Division.

The North Korean Army V Corps

2. On 26 February 1953 the 20 Brigade, V Corps guarded the shore line between Kalma (N 40-51, E 129-43) (EA-6022) and Najin (N 42-15, E 130-19) (FB-0978). The commanding officer of the 25 Brigade, V Corps was KIM Chung-tong (6855/6850/2639), aged 29 and a native of the USSR. In November 1952 CH'OE Kwan was appointed commanding officer of the North Korean Army V Corps. The former commanding officer, PAN Ho-san, was transferred to the General Headquarters Science Committee.

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The 22 Brigade, V Corps

3. On 28 February 1953 the 22 Brigade consisted of four infantry battalions, 2 x 76-mm. artillery battalions, 1 x 45-mm. artillery battalion, 1 x 82-mm. artillery battalion, one engineer battalion, one signal battalion, a medical battalion, 1 x 107-mm. mobile artillery company, and one reconnaissance company.
4. On 28 February 1953 the following people were on the 22 Brigade staff of the North Korean Army V Corps:
 - a. CHANG In-su, aged 25 and second lieutenant, led the 3 Platoon of the 45-mm. Artillery Company.
 - b. CHANG Kyong-tae, aged 25 and captain, commanded the 82-mm. Artillery Company.
 - c. CHO Kwan, aged 29 and major general, was commanding officer of the 22 Brigade.
 - d. CHO Pong-su, aged 34 and second lieutenant, led the 2 Platoon of the 3 Company.
 - e. CHONG Po-won, aged 24 and captain, commanded the 45-mm. Artillery Company.
 - f. KANG Pong-chun, aged 25 and second lieutenant, led the heavy machine gun platoon of the 3 Company.
 - g. KIM Chang-chun, aged 30 and second lieutenant, led the 1 Platoon of the 2 Company.
 - h. KIM Chang-tok, aged 27 and second lieutenant, led the 1 Platoon of the 1 Company.
 - i. KIM Ki-un, aged 22 and second lieutenant, led the 1 Platoon of the 3 Company.
 - j. KIM Kyong-ho, aged 21 and second lieutenant, led the 2 Platoon of the 2 Company.
 - k. KIM Sung-mun, aged 22 and second lieutenant, led the 2 Platoon of the 45-mm. Artillery Company.
 - l. KIM Won-kil, aged 29 and captain, commanded the 3 Company.
 - m. KWON Tok-son, aged 27 and lieutenant colonel, commanded the 3 Infantry Battalion.
 - n. PAEK Yun-ki, aged 25 and captain, commanded the 2 Company.
 - o. PAK Tae-su, aged 28 and colonel, was chief of staff of the 22 Brigade.
 - p. WON Yu-sun, aged 28 and second lieutenant, led the heavy machine gun platoon of the 2 Company.
 - q. YI Pong-so, aged 25 and second lieutenant, led the heavy machine gun platoon of the 1 Company.
 - r. YI Ung-sam, aged 25 and captain, commanded the 1 Company.

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5. In February 1953 the 22 Brigade was in the area between Sinp'o (N 40-02, E 128-12) (DV-3231) and Kalma (N 40-51, E 129-43) (EA-6022), and the command post was in Tokchu-ri (N 40-32, E 128-54) (DV-9287). The 3 Battalion command post and a signal platoon were in Sŏkho-dong (N 40-43, E 129-18) (EA-2507). The 3 Battalion Staff Section, Rank and File Section, Policy Section, and Reconnaissance Section were in a civilian house at EA-249070. A 76-mm. and a 45-mm. artillery battalion were near the 22 Brigade command post. The 22 Brigade was also known as the North Korean 363 Army Unit. The infantry of the 2 Battalion was known as the 566 Army Unit and the artillery of this battalion was known as the 595 Army Unit. The infantry of the 3 Battalion was known as the 571 Army Unit.
6. The command post of the 82-mm. Artillery Company, 3 Battalion, with 54 men, was in Haep'yong-dong (N 40-43, E 129-16) (EA-2307). The command post of the 1 Company, 3 Battalion, with 93 men, was at EA-228063 in a civilian house. The 1 Company was armed with 8 x 82-mm. guns and two heavy machine guns.
7. The command post of the 2 Company, 3 Battalion was in four civilian houses at EA-005150. The 82-mm. Artillery Company was also quartered in these houses because their former barracks were bombed in January 1953. This company, 180 men, was armed with 12 x 82-mm. guns and 2 heavy machine guns.
8. The command post of the 3 Company, 3 Battalion was on a hill, 168 meters high, near Ch'on-dong (N 40-49, E 129-31) (EA-4418). The company, 130 men, was armed with 4 x 82-mm. guns and two light machine guns.
9. The command post of the second 76-mm. battalion was at EA-257027. One hundred men were billeted at EA-250075. Two 76-mm. gun emplacements were constructed at EA-257023 near Yujin-dan (N 40-40, E 128-18) (EA-2501).

The 3 Division, VII Corps

10. On 1 November 1952 the 3 Division, VII Corps was moved from the Wŏnsan area to Ip'ori (N 38-26, E 128-07) (DT-2354) for two months. On 11 January 1953 the 8 Regiment, VII Corps vacated its barracks to the 1 Division, III Corps, and arrived on the eastern front on 13 January 1953. On 14 January 1953 the 8 Regiment completely replaced the 83 Regiment.² On 14 January the commanding officer of the VII Corps stated that the area which had been defended by battalion strength would be transferred to regimental strength. A hill at DT-368573, which had been defended by the 9 Company, 3 Battalion, 8 Regiment, was transferred to a battalion under the 7 Regiment. The 9 Company then replaced the 2 Platoon and a heavy machine gun platoon of the 7 Company, 3 Battalion at DT-378598. The 2 Platoon and heavy machine gun platoon were merged into the 7 Company, 3 Battalion at DT-371588. In February 1953 headquarters of the 8 Regiment was at DT-342590. The 6 Company, 2 Battalion, 8 Regiment was at DT-389633. The 3 Battalion, 8 Regiment, with 370 men, was at DT-352593. Four 82-mm. mortars were at each of the following positions; DT-371588, DT-377615, and DT-378598. Approximately ten 120-mm. and 76-mm. cement constructed gun emplacements were at the foot of a mountain along the railroad lines leading to Hwa-ri (N 39-04, E 127-33) (CU-7525) and CU-740253. The food warehouse of the 8 Regiment rear service unit was at DT-347613, and the 3 Battalion supply station was at DT-352593.
11. In February 1953 the commanding officer of the North Korean Army VII Corps was Major General YI Yong-ho. Major General PANG Ho-san³ commanded the V Corps, and Major General CH'OE Hyon commanded the II Corps. The following officers were all attached to the VII Corps:

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- a. O Chin-u, aged 40 and brigadier general, was commanding officer of the 3 Division. He served as a Soviet intelligence agent for 15 years.
- b. YI Ch'un-paek, brigadier general, was military commissioner of the VII Corps.
- c. KANG T'ae-mu, senior colonel, was assistant chief of military affairs of the 3 Division.
- d. KIM Hae-chu, aged 26 and colonel, commanded the 8 Regiment.
- e. YI Kun-sik, aged 40 and major, was assistant regimental chief for political affairs.
- f. KANG T'ae-un, aged 25 and major, was assistant regimental chief for military affairs of the 8 Regiment.
- g. NA Pyong-kyu, aged 23 and major, was commanding officer of the 3 Battalion, 8 Regiment.

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- 1. [] Comment. According to other information available to this office, a MUN Ch'ol, senior colonel, was chief of staff of the 10 Division, IV Corps in April 1952.

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- 2. [] Comment. The interchange of position by the North Korean II and VII Corps was accepted []

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- 3. [] Comment. Major General PANG Ho-san was commanding general of the North Korean IV Corps in August 1952, []

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